

What is the Private Service Lateral Program (PSLP)?

The PSLP is a program designed to inspect, test, and repair sewer service lines (laterals) from homes/buildings to the mainline (which is usually in the street). The repairs may include removal of blockages by roots or grease and realigning joints. Only WWTa customers served by the gravity portion of sewer collection system will fall under the PSLP sewers. While Signal Mountain and East Ridge are the first municipalities WWTa will serve, the program will ultimately serve all of WWTa municipality members and unincorporated Hamilton County.

What is the purpose of the PSLP?

Hamilton County WWTa received an Order from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to correct bypass issues on Signal Mountain. Until the problems are adequately addressed, with the exception of those who had agreements in place prior to the moratorium, the WWTa will not be allowed to connect new customers to the Signal Mountain collection system. This area of Signal Mountain will be targeted by PSLP first. TDEC also required the WWTa to develop a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to establish a Maintenance, Operation, and Management (MOM) program for the entire collection system.

What is the cost of the program?

In accordance with the approved WWTa procedures and regulations, beginning May 1, 2009, the WWTa implemented an eight dollar (\$8.00) fee for the Private Service Lateral Program as part of the requirements set forth by TDEC. The first two goals of the program will include inspection and testing of the property's sewer lateral. The estimated cost for this was \$250 - \$300 per lateral. The third goal of the program is to make repairs. Repairs were estimated to cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per lateral. The WWTa Board voted unanimously to implement the eight dollar (\$8.00) per month service fee for the next 20 years to finance the program.